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<b>MEETING:</b>	Cabinet
<b>DATE:</b>	Thursday, 16 June 2022
<b>TIME:</b>	9.30 am
<b>VENUE:</b>	Council Chamber, Barnsley Town Hall
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## AGENDA

1. Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests
2. Leader - Call-in of Cabinet decisions

### Minutes

- 3.1 Minutes of the previous special meeting held on 25 May 2022  
(Cab.16.6.2022/3.1) *(Pages 3 - 6)*
- 3.2 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 1 June 2022 (Cab.16.6.2022/3.2)  
*(Pages 7 - 12)*

### Items for Noting

4. Decisions of Cabinet Spokespersons (Cab.16.6.2022/4) *(Pages 13 - 16)*
5. Action Taken under Paragraph B5 of the Responsibility for Executive Functions - Officer Delegations Contained in the Council Constitution (Cab.16.6.2022/5)  
*(Pages 17 - 18)*

### Petitions

6. Petitions received under Standing Order 44 (Cab.16.6.2022/6) *(Pages 19 - 22)*

### Items for Decision/Recommendation to Council

#### Children's Spokesperson

7. Annual Report of the Corporate Parenting Panel 2021/22 (Cab.16.6.2022/7)  
*(Pages 23 - 38)*

#### Core Services Spokesperson

8. Six Monthly Analysis of Selective Voluntary Early Retirement and Voluntary Severance October 2021 - March 2022 (Cab.16.6.2022/8) *(Pages 39 - 44)*

9. Exclusion of Public and Press  
Appendix B to agenda item 10 is exempt. Therefore, if necessary when considering that item, the Chair will move the following resolution:-

That under Section 100(A) 4 of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) of such Act indicated, as now amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

### **Regeneration and Culture Spokesperson**

10. City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement - Revenue Funding  
(Cab.16.6.2022/10) (Pages 45 - 62)  
Reason restricted:  
Paragraph (3) Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

To: Chair and Members of Cabinet:-

Councillors Houghton CBE (Chair), T. Cave, Frost, Gardiner, Higginbottom, Howard, Lamb, Makinson and Platts

Cabinet Support Members:

Councillors Cain, Cherryholme, Eastwood, Franklin, Newing, Osborne and Risebury

Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Chair of Audit Committee

Sarah Norman, Chief Executive

Sophie Wales, Interim Executive Director Children's Services

Wendy Lowder, Executive Director Adults and Communities

Shokat Lal, Executive Director Core Services (Monitoring Officer)

Matt O'Neill, Executive Director Place

Julia Burrows, Director Public Health

Neil Copley, Service Director Finance (Section 151 Officer)

Michael Potter, Service Director Business Improvement and Communications

Katie Rogers, Head of Communications and Marketing

Anna Marshall, Scrutiny Officer

Jason Field, Head of Legal Services

Corporate Communications and Marketing

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Wednesday, 8 June 2022



<b>MEETING:</b>	Cabinet
<b>DATE:</b>	Wednesday, 25 May 2022
<b>TIME:</b>	9.00 am
<b>VENUE:</b>	Reception Room - Barnsley Town Hall

## MINUTES

**Present** Councillors Houghton CBE (Chair), T. Cave, Frost, Gardiner, Higginbottom, Howard, Lamb and Platts

**Members in Attendance:** Councillors Cherryholme, Eastwood, Franklin, Makinson, Newing and Osborne

### 1. Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

Councillor Lamb declared a non-pecuniary interest as his Portfolio area was referenced in the report for consideration in respect of Minute Number 3.

Cllr Newing declared a non-pecuniary interest as an employee of the NHS in respect of Minute Number 3.

### 2. Leader - Call-in of Cabinet decisions

The Leader reported that no decisions from the previous meeting held on 18 May 2022 had been called in.

### 3. Senior Management and Cabinet Realignment (Cab.25.5.22/3)

Cabinet received a report which sought approval to realign senior management officer portfolios and roles and set out proposed changes to Cabinet and portfolios to align with the senior management officer portfolios.

The Leader outlined that as part of NHS changes taking place across the Country, the Council's Executive Director for Adults and Communities had successfully gained the role of Executive Director of Place for Barnsley and as part of the agreement with the NHS, would continue with her role at the Council.

In order to facilitate this an internal re-structure was proposed which would see Communities brought together under Public Health, with the establishment of the Executive Director of Public Health and Communities. The current Adults and Communities role would be redesignated to that of the Executive Director of Place Health and Adult Social Care.

In response it was proposed that the Cabinet Spokesperson and Cabinet Support Members for the current Adults and Communities portfolio be redesignated to Place Health and Adult Social Care and the responsibility for Public Health be placed under newly created positions of Cabinet Spokesperson and Cabinet Support Member for Public Health and Communities.

It was further proposed that the Deputy Leader would take on the fundamental, cross-cutting role and responsibility for levelling up.

It was noted that there would be a name change for the Place directorate in the near future in order to avoid confusion with newly established directorate of Place Health and Adult Social Care.

In terms of financial cost, Members were advised that the costs of the new Place role would be covered jointly by the Council and the NHS which would result in a net saving to the Council.

Cabinet also noted a change to the Cabinet Spokesperson Portfolios attached to the report. Given that the strategic transport and infrastructure work now sat within the Regeneration and Culture Service, the responsibility for Transport Strategy including PTE would move from the Place (Environment & Transportation) Spokesperson's portfolio to that of the Place (Regeneration and Culture) Cabinet Spokesperson.

**Resolved that Cabinet:-**

1. Recommends that full Council approves:-
  - a. The establishment of the position of Executive Director of Public Health and Communities with effect from 1 July 2022. The salary for this post will be based on current Executive Director pay;
  - b. The deletion of the existing post of Director of Public Health with effect from 30 June 2022;
  - c. The redesignation of the Directorate and the Executive Director of Adults and Communities to that of the Executive Director of Place Health and Adult Social Care for Barnsley from 1 July 2022. The Executive Director will also be an executive member of the South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board; and
  - d. The realignment of the Service Director of Communities and the Communities business unit from the existing Adults and Communities Directorate to the new Public Health and Communities Directorate with effect from 1 July 2022.
2. Notes the proposed Leader's decision in relation to Cabinet and Cabinet portfolios with effect from 26 May 2022, pending approval of recommendations 1a-d by full Council on that date. Namely:-
  - a. The change of the Deputy Leader's portfolio;
  - b. The redesignation of the Cabinet Spokesperson and Cabinet Support Member for Adults and Communities to the Cabinet Spokesperson for Place Health and Adult Social Care and the changes to their portfolio;
  - c. The creation of the Cabinet Spokesperson and Cabinet Support Member for Public Health and Communities and their portfolio. The roles will be remunerated in line with the Cabinet Spokesperson's and Cabinet Support Member allowances; and

- d. The move of responsibility for Transport Strategy including PTE, from the Place (Environment & Transportation) Spokesperson's portfolio to that of the Place (Regeneration and Culture) Cabinet Spokesperson.

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<b>MEETING:</b>	Cabinet
<b>DATE:</b>	Wednesday, 1 June 2022
<b>TIME:</b>	10.00 am
<b>VENUE:</b>	Council Chamber, Barnsley Town Hall

## MINUTES

**Present** Councillors Houghton CBE (Chair), Lamb, Frost, Gardiner, Higginbottom, Makinson and Platts

**Members in Attendance:** Councillors Cherryholme, Eastwood, Franklin, Newing and Osborne

### 4. Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests

Councillor Makinson declared a non-pecuniary interest as Berneslai Homes Board Member in respect of Minute Number 17.

Councillor Newing declared a a non-pecuniary interest as an NHS employee.

### 5. Leader - Call-in of Cabinet decisions

The Leader reported that no decisions from the previous meeting held on 25 May 2022 had been called in.

### 6. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 18 May 2022 (Cab.1.6.2022/3)

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 May 2022 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

### 7. Decisions of Cabinet Spokespersons (Cab.1.6.2022/4)

There were no Records of Decisions by Cabinet Spokespersons under delegated powers to report.

### 8. Petitions received under Standing Order 44 (Cab.1.6.2022/5)

It was reported that no petitions had been received under Standing Order 44.

### 9. 2021 Director of Public Health Annual Report - 'What Matters to Me Now: The Voices of Children and Young People Who Live and Learn in Barnsley' (Cab.1.6.2022/6)

**RESOLVED** that the contents of the 2021 Director of Public Health Annual Report be noted.

**10. Response to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Task and Finish Group's Report on Gambling and Gambling Related Harm in Barnsley (Cab.1.6.2022/7)**

**RESOLVED** that the responses, conclusions, and recommendations set out in the report, following the Task and Finish Group's report on Gambling and Gambling Related Harm in Barnsley be endorsed.

**11. Substance Misuse Strategic Review and New Provider Selection Regime (Cab.1.6.2022/8)**

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet: -

1. Approves the continuation of the existing service provision with the incumbent provider of substance misuse service, delivered by Humankind Charity (subject to the proposed changes to the public procurement regulations taking legal effect as anticipated under the current draft Health and Care Bill allowing the Council to directly award the contract to Humankind under the new provider selection regime.
2. Agrees that should the changes above not come into legal effect in the manner currently proposed then approval is given to either:-
  - (i) Re-procure the services under the new Health and Care Act where any changes from the Bill as currently drafted are deemed not substantive; or
  - (ii) If the changes are substantive, seek approval from Cabinet Spokesperson, to re-procure the services under the new Health and Care Act subject to any amended requirements resulting from the changes to the legislation; or
  - (iii) If (i) and (ii) are not possible, re-procure service provision under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 or its successor legislation.
3. Agrees the integration of the Multiple and Complex Needs Housing provision (25+) into the overall Substance Misuse Service contract.

**12. Quarter 4 and Year End (2021/22) Corporate Performance Report (Cab.1.6.2022/9)**

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet:-

1. Receives the Corporate Performance Report in relation to the delivery of the Corporate Plan priorities and outcomes; and
2. Agrees that the Performance Report is shared with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to inform and support their ongoing work programme.



**13. Corporate Finance Performance Report Year Ending 2021/22 (Cab.1.6.2022/10)**

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet:-

1. Notes the final position for the General Fund being an operational underspend of £4.9M (after adjusting for statutory balances, scheme slippage & known expenditure commitments in 22/23 – as per Appendix 1 of the report);
2. Notes the final position on the Housing Revenue Account, being an operational underspend of £0.2M;
3. Notes that whilst the above positions are favourable, the Council is set to face significant financial pressure in the next financial year and beyond as a consequence of several emerging risks including supply chain and inflationary issues, increasing demand for council services eg looked after children, the impact of adult social care reform and other policy related risks;
4. Approves that the 21/22 underspends [£4.9M & £0.2M respectively] be held in strategic reserves to mitigate against these cost pressures, pending a fundamental refresh of the Medium-Term Financial Strategy / Improvement & Efficiency Agenda; and
5. Approves the write off of historic bad debts totalling £0.9M as detailed in the report.

**14. Capital Programme Performance - Year Ended 31 March 2022 (Cab.1.6.2022/11)**

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet:-

1. Notes the final financial position on the 2021/22 Capital Programme;
2. Approves scheme slippage totalling £34.9M and scheme re-phasing totalling £2.6M (paragraphs 3.5, 3.6 and Appendix B of the report refer);
3. Notes the total net increase in scheme costs in 2021/22 of £0.8M (paragraph 3.7 and Appendix B of the report refer); and
4. Receives an updated 2022/23 indicative Capital Programme position (as part of the Quarterly Finance Monitoring update).

**15. Annual Report on Treasury Management Activities 2021/22 (Cab.1.6.2022/12)**

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet:-

1. Notes the latest expectations for interest rates;
2. Note the activities undertaken during the year to support the Council's borrowing and investment strategies; and
3. Notes the Prudential and Treasury Indicators set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

**16. Local Code of Planning Conduct and Guidance 2022 (Cab.1.6.2022/13)**

**RECOMMENDATION TO FULL COUNCIL ON 28 JULY 2022 (therefore not subject to call-in)**

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet approves the 'Local Code of Planning Conduct and Guidance 2022' for recommendation to the Council.

**17. HRA Decent Homes Capital Investment Report 2022/23 (Cab.1.6.2022/14)**

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet:-

1. Approves the HRA 2022/23 Barnsley Homes Standard Programme;
2. Approves the HRA 2022/23 Supplementary Investment Programme;
3. Notes the added Social Value delivered by the Property Repairs and Improvement Partnership 2020 as set out at Paragraphs 1.12 through 1.13 of the report; including use of directly employed local staff and over 30 directly employed apprentices; and
4. Notes the Carbon Saving efficiency measures, and anticipated reductions to tenant's energy bills, as set out in Paragraph 1.8 of the report.

**18. Report on the Schools Condition Capital Programme 2022-23 (Cab.1.6.2022/15)**

**RESOLVED:-**

1. That the list of schemes, detailed in Appendices B and C of the report be approved and financed from the 2022-23 Department for Education (DfE) School Condition Allocation;
2. The Executive Director - Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Spokesperson, be authorised to vary the programme of works, and to approve additional schemes, to meet emerging priorities; and
3. The financial implications arising from the report be included in the capital programme and released in accordance with the Financial Regulations Code of Practice C5.2(a).

**19. Exclusion of Public and Press**

**RESOLVED** it was reported that the appendices to the report at item number 17 (Barnsley Norse – The Way Forward) was not available to the public and press because it contained exempt information described in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person.

Accordingly, if the content of the appendix was to be discussed, the public and press would be excluded from the meeting.

**20. Barnsley Norse - The Way Forward (Cab.1.6.2022/17)**

**RESOLVED** that Cabinet:-

1. Authorises the Executive Director Place to negotiate and agree with NPS Barnsley (on behalf of Norse) to vary the service agreement to ensure the contract meets the current strategic needs of the Council;
2. Authorises the Executive Director Place to:-
  - (i) agree extensions to the termination date of the Service Agreement until such time as there are legal arrangements in place to vary the service agreement to allow for the services in Option C to be provided by BMBC; and
  - (ii) thereafter agree with NPS Barnsley to withdraw the notice to terminate; and
3. Recognises that the Trade Unions are continually engaged with and actively included throughout the remainder of the process.

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**BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET SPOKESPERSONS' DECISIONS**

**Schedule of Decisions taken for week ending 3 June 2022**

<b><u>Cabinet Spokesperson</u></b>	<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>Decisions</u></b>
1. Place (Regeneration and Culture)	Future Relocation of Grimethorpe Community Farm at Milefield Primary School	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Notes that a 125-year Academy Lease was granted to Hoyland Common Academy Trust from 1 July 2021;</li><li>2. Notes that upon the grant of the Academy Lease the Council took up the offer of a two-year underlease of the Community Farm so that the GCF could continue to operate at the school under a short term (up to two year) licence;</li><li>3. Notes that the purpose of the two-year licence will be to provide GCF time to explore options for relocation of the farm, provided that a suitable alternative site can be located, and subject to GCF, providing a suitable business plan and their having the financial standing to fund the proposed relocation or in the alternative to provide time to GCF for orderly closure including rehousing of all of the animals;</li><li>4. Acknowledges and approves the expenditure for the reinstatement of the school grounds following GCF's vacation of the site;</li><li>5. Authorises the North East Area Council Team to continue to support the Community Farm with their relocation plans and community support activities; and</li><li>6. Authorises the Corporate Asset Manager to explore possibilities for a long-term lease of alternative Council owned sites including consideration of any business plan produced by the Community Group, and the financial standing of GCF.</li></ol>

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**BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET SPOKESPERSONS' DECISIONS**

**Schedule of Decisions taken for week ending 10 June 2022**

<b><u>Cabinet Spokesperson</u></b>	<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>Decisions</u></b>
1. Leader	Retitling of Cabinet Portfolio	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. That the Cabinet Spokesperson for Place (Environment &amp; Transportation) portfolio be retitled to Cabinet Spokesperson for Environment and Highways; and</li><li>2. The Cabinet Support Member for Place (Environment &amp; Transportation) title be amended to Cabinet Support Member for Environment and Highways.</li></ol>

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**BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
CORE SERVICES**

**Action Taken under Paragraph B6 of the Responsibility for Executive Functions –  
Officer Delegations Contained in the Council Constitution**

**1. Purpose of Report**

To inform Cabinet of action taken as a matter of urgency under Paragraph B6 of the Responsibility for Executive Functions – Officer Delegations contained in the Council Constitution.

**2. Recommendations**

**That the action taken under Paragraph B6 of the Responsibility for Executive Functions – Officer Delegations, as contained within the Appendix attached to the report, be noted.**

**3. Background**

Individual actions taken following consultation with the appropriate Cabinet Spokesperson are detailed by Cabinet Portfolio in the Appendix to this report. In accordance with Paragraph B6 of the Responsibility for Executive Functions – Officer Delegations contained in the Council Constitution these actions are reported into the next available Cabinet meeting.

**4. Implications**

There are no local area, crime and disorder, financial, employee or human rights implications arising directly from this report.

**5. Background Papers**

Decision notices of action taken under Paragraph B6 of the Responsibility for Executive Functions – Officer Delegations contained in the Council Constitution available for inspection in the Council Governance Unit, subject to the notice not containing personal information as defined by the Data Protection Act 1998 or exempt information as described in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

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**Date:** 1 June 2022

**Action Taken under Paragraph B6 of the Responsibility for Executive Functions –  
Officer Delegations Contained in the Council Constitution**

**Date of  
Decision**

1. **Foot and Cycle Bridge: Additional Resources**

1 June 2022

1. Notes the progress of the delivery of the approved New Foot and Cycle Bridge, over the railway line, connecting Penny Pie Park with Pogmoor Recreation Ground that will provide a safe and active travel route for the residents of the borough and for children going to and from Horizon Community College.
2. Approval of the additional £0.498M resources required to deliver the Penny Pie Park Footbridge and Civils Works contract outlined in section 4, noting the reasons and financial implications (as detailed in Section 3.2, Financial Implications)

Appendix 1 is exempt due to the likely disclosure of exempt information as described by the specific paragraphs of Part I, of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as follows:-

- Paragraph 3 - Financial and Business Affairs – Information which, if disclosed to the public would, or would be likely to, prejudice the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Local Authority holding the information). Financial or business affairs include contemplated, as well as past or current activities.

## BARNSELEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report of the Chief Executive

### **Petitions received under Standing Order 44**

#### **1. Purpose of Report**

To consider action in respect of petitions received by the Chief Executive under Standing Order 44.

#### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That Cabinet agree the action to be taken in response to the petitions referred to in the report in line with the Council's Petitions Scheme.**

#### **3. Background**

- 3.1 The Council's Standing Order 44 requires that "All petitions relating to a matter over which the Council ... has authority or which affects the Borough shall be presented to the Chief Executive who shall refer them to the relevant officer for investigation."
- 3.2 The Petitions Scheme, which was revised in April, 2013, requires petitions to be reported into Cabinet. This report sets out recent petitions received and the recommended response.
- 3.3 Whilst the report of petitions to Cabinet fulfils this duty requirement, Cabinet may wish to consider further action, such as referring any petition to the relevant Area Council.

#### **4. Details of Petitions Received**

- 4.1 Details of the petitions received up to this meeting of Cabinet are set out in the appendix attached, including a recommendation of the action to be taken for consideration. Members should note that individual petitions will not be the subject of further reports to Cabinet unless this is specifically requested at the meeting when the petition is reported.

#### **5. List of Appendices**

- 5.1 Details of Petitions received.

#### **6. Background Papers**

Petitions presented to the Chief Executive. Available for inspection in the Council Governance Unit, Town Hall, Barnsley, except where the petitions contain Exempt Information.

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**Petitions received under Standing Order 44 - Cabinet – 16 June 2022**

<b>Issue</b>	<b>No. of Signatories</b>	<b>Date Received</b>	<b>Action recommended under the Petitions Scheme</b>
Lack of upkeep and repair of Whinside Crescent, Thurnscoe, Rotherham.	53 signatories	12 April 2022	<p>The petition is not supported.</p> <p>The level of service provided on Whinside Crescent is in line with the core service offer of the departments responsible.</p>

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## BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT OF: INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (CHILDREN'S SERVICES)

TITLE: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORPORATE PARENTING  
PANEL (2021/22)

REPORT TO:	CABINET
Date of Meeting	16 JUNE 2022
Cabinet Member Portfolio	CHILDREN'S SERVICES
Key Decision	No
Public or Private	Public

**Purpose of report**

To present, for Cabinet's consideration, the latest Annual Report of the Corporate Parenting Panel (*Please see Appendix*).

**Council Plan priority**

The terms of reference of the Corporate Parenting Panel, together with the role of elected members as corporate parent to both children and young people in care, as well as those leaving care, support the following priorities:

- ***Healthy Barnsley*** – By ensuring this group of children and young people are protected from harm and are enabled to live independently and maintain their wellbeing thereby reducing inequality in both health and income
- ***Learning Barnsley*** – Children and young people are enabled to achieve the best range of outcomes through improved educational achievement.

**Recommendations**

That Cabinet notes the progress and achievements made by the Panel in supporting children and young people in care, together with care leavers, in accordance with our statutory responsibilities, during this period.

## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 Both the Children Act (2004) and the Children (Leaving Care) Act (2000) continue to place a statutory duty upon the Council to protect children from suffering significant harm and to provide continued financial and transitional support for care leavers aged up to 25.
- 1.2 More recently, Part 1 of the Children and Social Work Act (2017) and the publication of subsequent statutory guidance, requires the Council to give due regard to act in the best interests of and to secure the best outcomes for looked after children and care leavers.

## **2.0 PROPOSAL**

- 2.1 The Corporate Parenting Panel's latest annual report demonstrates its continuing compliance with the responsibilities indicated in Paragraphs 1.1 and 1.2 and the added value which it brings to the experience of children and young people both in and leaving care, particularly in helping them stay safe and healthy; improve their aspirations and prospects as well as enjoy enriching lives in accordance with the Council's 'Pledge' to children in care and the Local 'Offer' to care leavers in the Borough.
- 2.2 Notably, Sections 2.0 and 3.0 of the enclosed Annual Report outline the role and responsibilities, firstly of the Panel itself and, secondly, of elected members as a corporate parent. Moreover, Section 8 of the Annual Report indicates the progress and achievements made by the Corporate Parenting Panel towards improving the range of outcomes for children in care and care leavers, including on the following, during 2021/22:

- Safeguarding and protection.
- Health and wellbeing.
- Achieving their potential through education.
- Permanence, quality of placements and placement stability.
- Promoting engagement, participation and inclusion.

In addition, the Annex to the Annual Report outlines the Panel's priorities looking forward into 2022/23: The role of the Corporate Parenting Panel has ensured that all children in need of care in any part of Barnsley, together with those from other areas who are placed in the Borough, receive the help and support which they require in order to stay safe and healthy, gain a good education and to lead rewarding lives.

- 2.3 During a period in which social distancing, self-isolation and restrictions upon the public's movement could, potentially, have seriously impacted upon provision, the Council and its partners have continued to ensure that the whole range of our statutory responsibilities are fully met and that no children in care or care leavers were exposed to a greater risk of harm as a result of any lockdown or restrictions



### **3.1 IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION**

#### **3.1 Financial and Risk**

3.2 Consultations have taken place with representatives of the Service Director of Finance (S151 Officer) and are detailed in the paragraph below.

3.3 There are no direct financial implications arising from this annual report. Financial performance. Resources, budget and spend in relation to discharging the Panel's responsibilities is regularly reported through the Council's budgetary procedures. The Year-end Q4 corporate finance report outlines the increased cost pressures in 2021/22 in safeguarding vulnerable children and young people and meeting the placement needs of children in care and care leavers.

3.4 Additional investment / resources £4M have been provided for children social care in 2022/23 to address increase service demands and activity, particularly in relation to increased social workers (to address rises in caseloads) and rise in looked after children numbers and placement costs.

#### **3.5 Legal**

3.6 The Corporate Parenting Panel continues to comply with the statutory responsibilities indicated in Paragraphs 1.1 and 1.2 of this report. During 2022/23 the Panel will consider the outcomes emerging through the Independent Review of Children's Social Care in England which will help inform the development of the Borough's forthcoming Children in Care Strategy, to be considered by Cabinet later this year.

3.7 There are no other legal implications emerging through consideration of this report.

#### **3.8 Equality**

3.9 Assessments for children in need of help or protection in the Borough include provision for meeting any specific needs as part of promoting equality. One of the proposals being considered by the Chair of the Independent Review of Children's Social Care is whether to recommend that children who experience care should be designated as having a protected characteristic under Equality legislation.

#### **3.10 Sustainability**

3.11 There are no implications for sustainability in the Borough emerging through this report

#### **3.12 Employee**

3.13 There are no direct employee implications emerging through consideration of the Panel's latest Annual Report

### **3.14 Communications**

- 3.15 The Annual Report will be published and promoted through the Council's Web Site and to make stakeholders aware of the importance of the Panel's work and the value it adds to supporting vulnerable children and young people in the Borough.
- 3.16 This is the fourth annual report of the Panel to have been published following Ofsted's standard inspection of Local Authority Children's Services in the Borough (2018) which awarded 'Good' judgements in every key area of the inspection, including services for children in care and care leavers. Further, in a follow-up visit to the local Test of Assurance undertaken by the Government's National Implementation Advisor for Care Leavers in 2018, Barnsley was cited as an exemplar for good corporate parenting in their first annual report.
- 3.17 More recently, the LGA 's Peer Review of Children's Social Care undertaken earlier this year, concluded that children in care "...*Are served well in Barnsley.*"
- 3.18 These outcomes have provided assurance, to our communities, of the Council's continuing commitment towards fulfilling our 'Pledge' for children in care and in delivering our 'Local Offer' to care leavers, particularly as we pursue our ambitions for the Borough approaching 2030.

## **4.0 CONSULTATION**

- 4.1 The Annual Report has been drafted with the valuable help and input of children in care and care leavers, including representatives from the Barnsley Care4Us Council.

## **5.0 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 5.1 The exclusive purpose of this report is to present the latest annual report of the Corporate Parenting Panel and its continued compliance with the statutory responsibilities indicated in Paragraphs 1.1 and 1.2 earlier.

## **6.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 6.1 Please see Paragraphs 1.1, 1.2 and 3.4 of this report.

## **7.0 GLOSSARY**

- 7.1 None, applicable.

## **8.0 LIST OF APPENDICES**

- 8.1 Appendix 1: Annual Report of the Corporate Parenting Panel (2021/22)  
Annex to Appendix: Corporate Parenting Panel Work Programme (2022)

## 9.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 9.1 If you would like to inspect background papers for this report, please email [governance@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:governance@barnsley.gov.uk) so that appropriate arrangements can be made

## 10. REPORT SIGN OFF

<b>Financial consultation &amp; sign off</b>	Senior Financial Services officer consulted and date  <i>Joshua Amahwe (19/05/2022)</i>
<b>Legal consultation &amp; sign off</b>	Legal Services officer consulted and date  <i>Jason Field and Marianne Farrell 23/05/22</i>

**Report Author:** Sophie Wales

**Designation:** Interim Executive Director (Children's Services)

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# **Barnsley Corporate Parenting Panel**

## **Annual Report: 2021-2022**

### **1.0 Context**

- 1.1 This report sets out an annual update on the Corporate Parenting arrangements in Barnsley, with progress and outcomes for Children in Care and Care Leavers for the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022. It reminds Members of key legislation and guidance and highlights local performance and continued service improvement, setting out the priorities for the coming year.

### **2.0 Proposals and Reasons: Corporate Parenting – Our Responsibilities Legal Framework**

- 2.1 At the heart of our service delivery to our children, young people and care leavers is our commitment to the seven principles of corporate parenting as set out in Section 1 of the Children and Social Work Act (2017) and the statutory guidance: *Applying corporate parenting principles to looked after children and care leavers* (2018).
- to act in the best interests, and promote the physical and mental health and well-being, of those children and young people
  - to encourage those children and young people to express their views, wishes and feelings
  - to take into account the views, wishes and feelings of those children and young people
  - to help those children and young people gain access to, and make the best use of, services provided by the local authority and its relevant partners
  - to promote high aspirations, and seek to secure the best outcomes, for those children and young people
  - for those children and young people to be safe, and for stability in their home lives, relationships and education or work
- 2.4 The Children and Social Work Act (2017) introduced new provisions for care leavers being to provide Personal Advisers (PA's) up to the age of 25 and for councils to publish a Local Offer for this cohort of young people leaving care. The Local Offer is refreshed annually and more so, in the event of any significant updates. The Service has recently implemented an action plan which tracks all operational service priorities, including the Local Offer.
- 2.5 Associated statutory guidance also introduced in the Children and Social Work Act (2017), focuses on supporting the education of children in care and previously looked-after children including Adoption, Child Arrangements Orders and Special Guardianship. Other key duties for professionals involved with children in care states that, '*Social workers, virtual school heads, Independent Reviewing Officers, school admission officers, and Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) departments should work together to ensure that, except in an emergency, appropriate education provision for a child is arranged at the same time as a care placement*'. In Barnsley, any consideration of a placement or change in placement for a child looked after is considered alongside the Virtual School and SEND professionals.

### **3.0 Corporate Parenting – The Role and Responsibility of Councillors**

3.1 Effective corporate parenting requires knowledge and awareness of the needs of children and young people looked after and the services they receive. This is a shared responsibility by the Council as a whole. The role of the corporate parent is therefore:

- a) To receive and consider accurate and timely management information reports on the numbers, characteristics and needs of looked after children and care leavers.
- b) To receive and consider reports demonstrating how effectively Barnsley is serving it's looked after population through the provision of services and targeted initiatives.
- c) To receive briefings on new national and local initiatives designed to improve children and young people's life chances.
- d) To gain knowledge of services based on direct involvement and opportunities to meet and gain the views of stakeholders, especially listening to the views of children and young people looked after and members of the Care 4 Us Council.
- e) To monitor and review progress on the new Children in Care and Care Leavers Strategy 2022-25 and the 'expectations' to children looked after and care leavers.
- f) To ensure that decisive action and challenge is taken to address any shortcomings in the services provided to children and young people

### **4.0 The Barnsley Expectation to Children and Young People in Care**

4.1 What all children and young people in our care can expect from us:

- We'll look after children in care in a safe and caring home.
- We'll promote, support and respect their identity.
- We'll ensure all children in care receive a good education.
- We'll support children in care to be healthy.
- We'll prepare children in care for the future; and
- We'll involve children in care in decision making and making it happen

### **5.0 Corporate Parenting in Barnsley**

5.1 Children in Care are those children and young people aged 0 -18 years who cannot safely remain with their family and are cared for by the local authority. The local authority has continuing responsibilities for young people up until they are 25 years of age who have been in care for a period of at least 13 weeks (or periods amounting to 13 weeks). This includes all unaccompanied asylum-seeking children (UASC) and children with multiple disabilities.

- 5.2 The Corporate Parenting Panel is responsible for children in care, children at the edge of care and children and young people who have left care.
- 5.3 Members of the Corporate Parenting Panel in their roles must act as ‘pushy parents’ and continually question, *‘would this be good enough for my child’*.

## **6.0 Corporate Parenting Panel Overview and Membership**

- 6.1 The Corporate Parenting Panel is chaired by the Cabinet Spokesperson for Children’s Services.
- 6.2 The Panel meet every two months and the strong commitment to children and young people is reflected in the consistent attendance by the full range of Members, which include:
- Elected Members, BMBC
  - Executive Director, Children’s Services, BMBC
  - Service Director, Children’s Social Care & Safeguarding, BMBC
  - Virtual Head Teacher for Children in Care, BMBC
  - A Care-Experienced Young Person - Representative for the Care4Us / Children in Care Council \*
  - Head of Safeguarding and Quality Assurance, BMBC
  - Foster Carers \*
  - Safeguarding Nurse for Children in Care, BMBC
  - Designated Nurse Safeguarding Children / LAC, NHS Barnsley CCG
  - Designated Doctor, BHNFT
  - Head of Service, Children in Care Services, BMBC
  - Managers for Children in Care and Care Leavers Teams, BMBC
  - Managers from the Registered Childrens Homes

\*We are currently seeking additional foster carer representation and for 2022/23 we have now introduced a young persons led panel that will start in the autumn.

## **7.0 Corporate Parenting Work Programme in 2022-23**

See Appendix 1

## **8.0 Progress and Outcomes for Children in Care & Care Leavers in 2021-22**

- 8.1 We know that Barnsley has stable communities, with well-established extended family networks that frequently support vulnerable children within the family. This factor has an impact on both the numbers of children with protection plans and the numbers of children in our care, which we continually scrutinise.
- 8.2 Children in care and care experienced young people have some strong, stable relationships with their allocated worker who knows them well and sees them regularly, some over and above regulatory/practice requirements. There has been some

instability in the Children in Care and Care leavers service in 2021/22 due to the Head of Service retiring alongside two Team Managers leaving for progression purposes. The service has recently appointed two new Team Managers with extensive experience of supporting children and young people in care. The new permanent Head of Service joins Barnsley in May 2022.

- 8.3 The global pandemic impacted upon the numbers of CiC during 2020/21 which peaked at 356 in November 2021 and reported as 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 at 350, 17 more than in the same period in 2021. Barnsley's latest rate of LAC (68.5 per 10,000) remains below our statistical neighbours' average rate (112 per 10,000) and in line with the national average (67.0 per 10,000) for 2020/21. Robust decision making for children coming into care continues with full oversight of the Service Director.
- 8.4 The year on year rise in relation to looked after numbers brings with it challenges in identifying suitable care arrangements. Whilst every effort is given to identify wider family and friends as carers, demand remains for placements predominantly for older children. Placement stability for children who have 3 or more placements has had a decline in this year reporting as 10.6% at yearend compared to 4.5% at yearend 20/21. Our audits and dip sampling has attributed much of this to the global pandemic during 20/21. Our audits and deep dive also attribute placement moves into adoptive placements, moves into family placements and moves to be with siblings in more permanent care arrangements.
- 8.5 Long term placement stability has seen an improvement with yearend data at 69.7% compared to 67.3% in the same period in 20/21. A new stability pathway and panel has been introduced in February 2022 which ensures placements that are 'simmering' are referred to a weekly panel for tracking, whilst offering assurances that core stability meetings and reviews are regularly taking place. It is anticipated that further embedding of this new process will continue to be reflected in the stability data.
- 8.6 Children in care have attention given to their health needs with regular health needs assessments to promote their health and wellbeing. During the global pandemic routine dental care was significantly impacted upon with the majority of dentists only carrying out emergency treatment. In this year, efforts to ensure all children are registered and seen by a dentist has been a key focus. Children accessing a dentist in 21/22 has increased from 33% in 20/21 to 83.9% in 21/22. The Service continues to track this key indicator through regular performance meetings, daily team communications and through the Health of Children in Care Panel.
- 8.7 Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaires (SDQs) continue to be a focus and priority for our children in care. Whilst we saw a continued increase in completion overall Qtr 4, our year end data remains disappointingly below target (71.6%). This is a decline in performance (96.9% on 20/21) Robust tracking takes place in the service with regular communication out to Foster Carers and Providers to ensure these are completed in a timely way. The service is also currently working with Business Intelligence to support tracking of SDQ's for children with an average score of 16 or more. This data will be introduced into the CAMHS monthly tracker meetings and also the new placement support pathway to ensure the emotional health of children in care is fully understood and support needs are identified.



- 8.8 Development of the South Yorkshire Regional Adoption Agency (SYRAA) continues. A Service Manager has recently been appointed to lead the service for Barnsley. They will oversee the practice and supervision of the Adoption Team. This is a welcomed development as it supports the Regional Agency to further strengthen their identity, moving away from the historic 'Barnsley Adoption Team'. The agency consists of joined up areas being Barnsley, Doncaster, Sheffield and Rotherham. Adoption performance remains strong for Barnsley with Yearend 21/22 reporting 36 children adopted, Doncaster (9) Rotherham (31) and Sheffield (36)
- 8.9 In 20/22 there has been a refresh of the Communication and Marketing Strategy. The recruitment and marketing officers, along with the Head of Service, meet fortnightly to ensure robust oversight and progress of recruitment of local carers. There has been significant investment in a radio campaign that will run for 6 months (with refreshes) and we have continued to invest in Local IQ and social media platforms. Our target is to recruit 23 new fostering households in 22/23 and we currently have 14 in assessment, with panel dates booked in which is an excellent position at this point of the year.
- To date there are three Mockingbird constellations in Barnsley, and we are planning for our 4th. The model continues to go from strength to strength and where children/carers need additional support, we are able to consider the constellations to assess how best to meet need.
- 8.10 A monthly Education, Training and Employment Panel, made up of representatives from social care and employment and skills, continues to meet to ensure care leavers get the targeted information, advice, guidance and support they need to participate and progress in education, employment and training. This is a valued panel and offers further reassurance on our support to care leavers. The performance has remained strong with 68.2% of care leavers ETE above our target for 21/22 of 65%.
- 8.11 Care leavers in suitable accommodation reports as 93.9% at yearend compared to 90.9% for 20/21. We are fully aware of the young adults who are not in suitable accommodation due to imprisonment. Timeliness of visits to care leavers remains strong with a year-end report of 99.5%.
- 8.12 Spring Lane and Newsome Avenue have also been Inspected under the Social Care Common Inspection Framework, Ofsted. Following an *Inadequate* grading for Spring Lane (July 2021) it was pleasing to be able to report a *Good* judgement in November 2021. Newsome Avenue was also inspected (September 21) and maintained *Good* in all areas. There is ongoing development in the Homes where practice continues to be challenged and taken forward by the team and managers.

### **13.0 Priorities for the Corporate Parenting Panel for 2022 - 2023**

- Effectively oversee and manage the Placement Sufficiency Strategy
- Track and strengthen placement stability
- Monitor progress of young people in our residential homes through Regulation 44 reports
- Track recruitment of new carers into Barnsley

- Track adoption timeliness and provide support to our Regional Adoption Agency
- Improve school attendance and reduce the number of exclusions
- Track and strengthen the numbers of Care Leavers engaged in Employment, Education and Training
- Improve transitional planning for Disabled Children in Care and Care Experienced Young People into Adulthood
- Progress our new Childrens Home and Staying Close accommodation
- Improve the offer of accommodation for 16 Plus.

In this year we will also have a Children in Care and Care Leavers Strategy. An action plan will be developed and be reviewed in a new Corporate Parenting sub-group going forward.

Claire Brodie  
Interim Head of Service, Children in Care  
May 2022

## **CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL - Work Programme 2022**

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>Date of Meeting</b>
3.1 CiC Placement Report – Clare Barwell 3.2 Virtual School Update – Liz Gibson 3.3 Health of CiC Action Log – Nikki Shepherd 3.4 Care4Us Feedback – Emma Baines 3.5 Reg 44 Updates 3.6 CPP Proposed Work Programme 2022/2023 – Sophie Wales 3.7 Christmas Dinner 2021 Verbal Report – Beth Goodliffe 3.8 Care Leavers Local Offer Update – Claire Brodie / Clare Barwell	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
3.1 Q3 CiC Performance Report – Sophie Wales 3.2 Virtual School Update – Liz Gibson 3.3 Health of CiC Action Log – Nikki Shepherd 3.4 Reg 44 Updates	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
3.1 Virtual school update- Liz Gibson 3.2 Reg 44 updates 4.0 Peer challenge feedback – Sophie Wales 5.0 Placement stability report on new process – Claire Brodie 6.0 Takeover Challenge 2021 Report – Laura Hammerton 7.0 Q3 CAMHS report – Laura McClure	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
3.1 Q4 CiC Performance Report – Sophie Wales 3.2 CiC Placement Report – Clare Barwell Report (Quarter 4 update) 3.3 Virtual School Update – Liz Gibson	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2022

## CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL - Work Programme 2022

<p>3.4 Health of CiC 6 monthly report – Nikki Shepherd 3.5 Care4Us Feedback – Emma Baines Report (Quarter 4 update) 3.6 Reg 44 Updates 4.0 Q4 CAMHS Report – Laura McClure 5.0 CPP Annual Report 20/21 – Sophie Wales</p>	
<p>3.1 Q1 CiC Performance Report – Sophie Wales 3.2 Virtual School Update – Liz Gibson 3.3 Reg 44 Update 4.0 Annual Report of the IRO's – Phil Holmes / Di Drury 5.0 Annual Report of Fostering Services – Sharon Wood 6.0 Annual RAA (Regional Adoption Agency) Report – Stephanie Evans</p>	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2022
<p>3.1 Q1 CiC Performance Report – Sophie Wales 3.2 CiC Placement Report – Clare Barwell (Quarter 1 update) 3.3 Virtual School Update – Liz Gibson 3.4 Health of CiC Action Log – Nikki Shepherd 3.5 Care4Us Feedback – Emma Baines (Quarter 1 update) 3.6 Reg 44 Update 4.0 Q1 CAMHS Report – Laura McClure 5.0 Youth Justice and CiC Quarterly Update – Phil Drabble</p>	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> August
<p><u>Young Person led panel</u></p> <p>To include Virtual School Update – Liz Gibson to include exam results</p>	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> September
<p>3.1 Q2 CiC Performance Report – Sophie Wales 3.2 CiC Placement Report – Clare Barwell Report (Quarter 2 update)</p>	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2022

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**CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL - Work Programme 2022**

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3.4 Health of CiC 6 monthly report – Nikki Shepherd 3.5 Care4Us Feedback – Emma Baines report (Quarter 2 update) 3.6 Reg 44 update 4.0 Placement Sufficiency strategy refresh HOS, CiC	
<a href="#"><u>Young Person led panel</u></a>	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2022

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**BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL****REPORT OF: Executive Director, Core Services****TITLE: SIX MONTHLY ANALYSIS OF SELECTIVE VOLUNTARY  
EARLY RETIREMENT AND VOLUNTARY SEVERANCE  
OCTOBER 21 TO MARCH 22**

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>Cabinet</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>15 June 2022</b>
<b>Cabinet Member Portfolio</b>	<b>Core Services</b>
<b>Key Decision</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Public or Private</b>	<b>Public</b>

**Purpose of report**

The purpose of this report is to provide Members with information in respect of the Selective Voluntary Early Retirements and Voluntary Severances which have taken place between 1 October 2021 to 31 March 2022

**Council Plan priority**

N/A

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that the report be received in accordance with the required procedure.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 In November 1998 as part of the response to the Audit Commission's report on early retirement it was agreed to submit reports to Members in respect of the costs and numbers of employees taking voluntary early retirement.

**2. PROPOSAL**

- 2.1 For information

### **3. IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION**

#### **3.1 Financial and Risk**

None arising from this report.

#### **3.2 Legal**

None arising from this report

#### **3.3 Equality**

Not applicable - This report is for information only.

#### **3.4 Sustainability**

Decision-making wheel not completed – this report is for information only.

#### **3.5 Employee**

None arising from this report.

#### **3.6 Communications**

None required.

### **4. CONSULTATION**

None required

### **5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

5.1 None

### **6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

6.1 For information purposes only

### **7. GLOSSARY**

N/A

### **8. LIST OF APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – Analysis 1 October 2021 to 31 March 2022.

### **9. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None



#### 10. REPORT SIGN OFF

<b>Financial consultation &amp; sign off</b>	Neil Copley  <b>19.05.2022</b>
<b>Legal consultation &amp; sign off</b>	<b>N/A this report is for information only</b>

**Report Author: Michael Potter**

**Post: Service Director, Business Improvement, HR and Communications**

**Date: 22 April 2022**

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Directorate	Cost of Redund.	Cost of PIL	Strain Costs	Total Cost	Total Saving	NET COST/ SAV
Core	£7,430.00	£0.00	£5,336.00	£12,766.00	£47,926.00	£35,160.00

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**BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL****REPORT OF: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PLACE****TITLE: CITY REGION SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT SETTLEMENT –  
REVENUE FUNDING**

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>CABINET</b>
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>16 June 2022</b>
<b>Cabinet Member Portfolio</b>	<b>Place (Regeneration and Culture)</b>
<b>Key Decision</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Public or Private</b>	<b>Part Exempt</b> Open report with exempt appendix - by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

**Purpose of report**

The purpose of the report is to seek approval for:

- The acceptance of the £1.520m CRSTS Revenue Funding from the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA).

*Funds to be used to undertake feasibility work (traffic surveys, traffic modelling, feasibility design) for a future pipeline of schemes and to continue with staffing the Active Travel Hub.*

- To prepare and progress procurement for traffic count equipment and for consultancy staff to assist with feasibility work on rail schemes

**Council Plan priority:** Sustainability

**Recommendations**

That Cabinet:

1. Authorises the acceptance of the offer £1.520m CRSTS in revenue funding for the development of a future pipeline of schemes; and
2. The Executive Director, Place be authorised to undertake all necessary steps to ensure continued delivery of the CRSTS / future pipeline programme.

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 To provide Cabinet with the information necessary consider acceptance of the offer of £1.520m in CRSTS Revenue funding.

## **2. PROPOSAL**

- 2.1 Back in May 2021, the Department for Transport announced what was then called the Intra City Transport Settlement, where Local Authorities were invited to submit a list of schemes to be considered.
- 2.2 Over the summer months, several iterations of the Fund were put forward with a final business case submission being made in January 2022 – the fund eventually being named the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement. The list of schemes submitted for the Barnsley bid were presented to Members in December 2021.
- 2.3 In April 2022 an award was made to the SYMCA of over £570m. Of the £570m, the allocation for Barnsley MBC is just over £45.5m which includes the Highways Capital Maintenance and Integrated Transport Block.
- 2.4 In addition to the Transport Settlement, the Department for Transport also awarded Revenue Funding of £5.2m for local authorities to commence project feasibility work. The initial allocation confirmed for Barnsley for this work is £1.520m
- 2.5 In order to unlock this funding the Transport team have to submit a template to SYMCA that outlines the projects we intend to undertake and how they align with the CRSTS programme.
- 2.6 Appendix B (exempt information) shows the proposed projects, these include:
- creating a new microsimulation model for the town centre and surrounding areas, which will enable schemes in CRSTS to be tested.
  - new data collection systems, as the majority of the existing equipment is obsolete / beyond repair.
  - Staff resources
  - Feasibility work to create a pipeline of schemes post CRSTS
  - Consultancy staff to assist with the proposed rail bids
  - Funds for the Active Travel hub operation

## **3. IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION**

### **3.1 Financial and Risk**

- 3.1.1 Consultation on the Financial Implications of the is report has taken place with representatives of the Service Director (Section 151 Officer) Finance.
- 3.1.2 Approval is sought to accept the £1.520m in revenue funding to support the CRSTS programme for the projects identified in Appendix A (Exempt)

- 3.1.3 It is important to note that there is no financial “ask” from the Council to progress the recommendations outlined in this report.
- 3.1.4 BMBC Finance Officers will continue to work closely with the Transport Team to ensure project spend remains within the available £1.520m CRSTS funding allocation
- 3.1.5 It should be noted that subsequent reports will be provided to Members advising on the outcome of the feasibility work undertaken along with any subsequent Outline and Full Business Cases to support those projects that Cabinet approves progression thereof.
- 3.1.6 Appendix A provides a summary of the financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

### **3.2 Legal**

The use of the funds will be subject to SYMCA’s terms and conditions.

### **3.3 Equality**

An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) pre-screening has been completed in accordance with the EIA policy. For the purpose of this report, no potential for unlawful discrimination and / or low level or minor negative impact has been identified, therefore a full EIA has not been carried out. However, for the individual work streams / projects individual EIA’s will be undertaken.

### **3.4 Sustainability**

The Sustainable Decision Wheel has been completed and whilst this shows No Impact for the majority; this report is only to accept Revenue Funding. As and when the schemes are developed and further reports prepared, this will be revised.



### 3.5 Employee

There are no issues arising directly from this report. The Revenue Funding will enable additional resources to be brought in as and when required and the funding will cover existing staff costs.

### 3.6 Communications

The proposed work streams proposed to be funded through the Revenue Funds are mainly operational (traffic modelling etc) and therefore minimum communication would be required. As and when pipeline schemes develop, communication / consultation will be undertaken

## 4. CONSULTATION

Officers within the Strategic Transport team (Transport, Highway Design and Highway Development Management) have been consulted on the proposals and have provided input.



## 5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

The only other option is for the Council not to accept the Revenue Funding. This would then mean that the Council would not have a potential pipeline of schemes or the data / traffic data to inform subsequent business cases / funding bids

## 6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 The acceptance of the Revenue Funding will allow the Strategic Transport team to undertake detailed traffic modelling work, data collection and develop a future pipeline of projects for any subsequent funding streams / bids
- 6.2 It will help protect the Council's finances in the future, by providing revenue for staff costs.

## 7. GLOSSARY

CRSTS – City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement  
FBC – Full Business Case  
OBC – Outline Business Case  
SYMCA – South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority

## 8. LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix A: Financial Implications  
Appendix B: CRSTS Template (Exempt)

## 9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

[Details of background papers **MUST** be included]

If you would like to inspect background papers for this report, please email [governance@barnsley.gov.uk](mailto:governance@barnsley.gov.uk) so that appropriate arrangements can be made

## 10. REPORT SIGN OFF

<b>Financial consultation &amp; sign off</b>	See Appendix A
<b>Legal consultation &amp; sign off</b>	Legal Services officer consulted and date <b>Jason Field 6 May 2022</b>

**Report Author: Tracey Brewer**  
**Post: Head of Strategic Transport**  
**Date:**


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**APPENDIX A**  
**Report of the Executive Director Place**

**CRSTS Feasibility Funding**

i) <b>Capital</b>	<u>2022/23</u>	<u>2023/24</u>	<u>2024/25</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	£	£	£	£
<u>Expenditure</u>				
	0	0	0	0
	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>To be financed from:</b>				
		0	0	0
	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
ii) <b>Revenue</b>	<u>2022/23</u>	<u>2023/24</u>	<u>2024/25</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	£	£	£	£
<u>Expenditure</u>				
CRSTS Feasibility Projects (Appendix 1 provides the detail)	1,520,000			1,520,000
				0
	1,520,000	0	0	1,520,000
<b>To be financed from:</b>				
SYMCA - CRSTS Funding	1,520,000			1,520,000
	1,520,000	0	0	1,520,000
	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**No Impact on Medium Term Financial Strategy**

Agreed by:  On behalf of the Service Director - Finance, Section 151 Officer

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